

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1976 – SB 1940

February 18, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires that the Tennessee Emergency Medical Services Board (EMSB) waive all initial licensure fees for veterans who were trained and certified as a combat medic or corpsman.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenue – \$200/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years

The Emergency Medical Services Board had a surplus of \$97,412 in FY19-20 and a surplus of \$121,650 in FY20-21.

Assumptions:

- Based on information gathered from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, as of September 2018 there were 124,651 veterans in Tennessee between the ages of 20 and 49.
- Based upon data collected from the Tennessee Department of Health and the U.S. Census, as of 2018 there were 2,659,758 Tennesseans between the ages of 20 and 49.
- The estimated percent of Tennesseans who are veterans between the ages of 20 and 49 is 4.7 percent (124,651 / 2,659,758). It is assumed that this percentage is reduced further when considering only veterans who served as combat medics or corpsmen.
- Information from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that in Tennessee in May 2020, there were 6,700 emergency medical technicians and paramedics, and 440 ambulance drivers and technicians, for a combined 7,140 (6,700 + 440) emergency medical services workers. For these careers, the estimated job growth is 11 percent over the next 10 years, which would mean an increase of 785 (7,140 x 11%) over the next 10 years, or 79 (785 / 10 years) jobs per year.
- It is assumed that of these 79 new jobs a year, an estimated 4 (79 x 4.7%) are taken by veterans.
- The average initial licensure fee for emergency medical workers is approximately \$60.
- Assuming each of the estimated four veterans are seeking an initial licensure, the recurring decrease in revenue for the EMSB is estimated to be \$240 (\$60 x 4) in FY22-23 and subsequent years.
- The EMSB is required to collect fees in an amount sufficient to pay the costs of operating the Board. All fee collected by the Board are deposited in the General Fund and included in the appropriation made for the Board in the *General Appropriations Act*.
- The EMSB had a surplus of \$97,412 in FY19-20 and a surplus of \$121,650 in FY20-21.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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